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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Withdrawn)

Claim 2 (Withdrawn)

Claim 3 (Withdrawn)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) Apparatus for processing of food portions, said apparatus comprising at least a cold storage space (1) for the storage of food portions and a heating unit (3), ~~said characterised in that the~~ cold storage space (1) and ~~said the~~ heating unit (3) are integrated into a single assembly, which has been arranged to be controlled by means for means of a control centre (6) and a user interface (7), and a telecommunication unit (5) connected to a telecommunication network.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) Apparatus as defined in claim 4, ~~wherein said characterised in that, in addition to the cold storage space (1), heating unit (3) and user interface (7), the apparatus comprises a telecommunication unit (5), which serves to provide communication with a supplier of food portions, and a failure data monitoring part or equivalent.~~

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in claim 4, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a transfer mechanism (2), which has been arranged to transfer food portions from the cold storage space into the heating unit and, if necessary, further to a serving device (4).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in claim 4, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a data processing section (9), which has been arranged to function as a

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supervising element storing and distributing information and activating the functions of the apparatus.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) Apparatus as defined in claim 4, wherein said ~~characterised in that the apparatus is connected to a telecommunication network, is such as a telephone network or internet (8), over which the ordering of food portions, remote operation of the apparatus, and transmission of failure information etc.~~ have been arranged to be effected.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in claim 4, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a system for controlling the user's nutrition level and diet.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in claim 5, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a transfer mechanism (2), which has been arranged to transfer food portions from the cold storage space into the heating unit and, if necessary, further to a serving device (4).

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in claim 5, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a data processing section (9), which has been arranged to function as a supervising element storing and distributing information and activating the functions of the apparatus.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in claim 6, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a data processing section (9), which has been arranged to function as a supervising element storing and distributing information and activating the functions of the apparatus.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) Method as defined in claim 2, characterised in that the selection and the heating of the food portions is performed when needed by remote activation of the apparatus over the telecommunication network.

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Claim 14 (New) Apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein said telecommunication network is arranged to order new food portions from a foodstuff supplier.

Claim 15 (New) Apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein said telecommunication network is arranged to transmit information regarding possible faults in said apparatus.

Claim 16 (New) Apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein said telecommunication network is arranged to send a notification when said apparatus is about to run out of the foodstuff.

Claim 17 (New) Apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein said telecommunication network is arranged to remotely activate said apparatus for selecting and heating a food portion.

Claim 18 (New) Apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein said telecommunication network is arranged to remotely activate said apparatus to monitor the functions of the apparatus.

Claim 19 (New) Apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein said telecommunication network is arranged to remotely activate said apparatus to perform a fault diagnosis.